

Women's History Month: Joint Base San Antonio women making a difference

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston



Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho

HM2 Petty Officer Gina Martinez is a San Antonio native. She enlisted in the Navy Nov. 13, 2002. In August 2010, she reported to her current duty station as an instructor to the Medical Education and Training Campus. Martinez was hand-selected as the first clinical site coordinator at the Baptist Medical Center. She has been instrumental in the development and delivery of state-of-the-art training producing the nation's finest respiratory therapists.



HM2 Petty Officer Gina Martinez



Meridan Borgkvist

Estelle "Woopsie" Willis, who is of British descent, was born in Cairo, Egypt, and came to Fort Sam Houston as an Army bride in 1957. She has been a volunteer on post since her arrival in San Antonio and has volunteered at the Warrior Family Support Center for more than four years. The 78-year-old talks with everyone that comes into the facility and makes a point to be on a first-name basis with service members.



Estelle "Woopsie" Willis

During Women's History Month, the accomplishments of female pioneers, who were often the first in their roles, are celebrated for breaking barriers of equality in the workplace and achieving success through adversity. This month's theme, "Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination," highlights those women who have made a difference in American history and exemplify the limitless bounds of what can be accomplished.

Here are some current female role models from Joint Base San Antonio, whose successes are and continue to be inspiring for future generations.

This by no means encompasses all women who should be featured during Women's History Month, but it is our intent to recognize a wide variety of women who are part of our JBSA community.

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

- Eleanor Roosevelt -

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Col. Annette Williamson

Col. Annette Williamson, 559th Medical Operations Squadron optometry flight commander and Air Force Surgeon General consultant for optometry, is the first female optometrist to be promoted to the rank of colonel in Air Force history. She was named the 2009 Air Force Field Grade Optometrist of the Year, the 2009 Armed Forces Optometric Association Senior Optometrist of the Year and the 2009 Association of Military Surgeons in the U.S. Optometrist of the Year.

Maj. Dalia Garcia, 59th Training Squadron chief of the perinatal nursing course, teaches medical personnel various techniques to care for children and was recognized with the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses 2012 Award of Excellence in Education.



Maj. Dalia Garcia

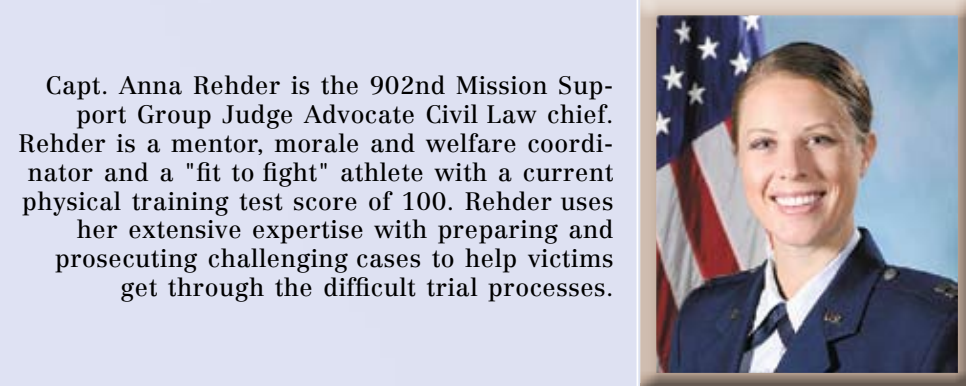


Airman 1st Class Clariza Ball



Angelica Collazo

Angelica Collazo, 92nd Information Operation Squadron senior analyst, was recognized for her work with cyberspace security and recently received the Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Collazo led the development of the Air Force's incident handling database, the first version of the joint database and hailed as a benchmark for cyber security.



Capt. Anna Rehder

Capt. Anna Rehder is the 902nd Mission Support Group Judge Advocate Civil Law chief. Rehder is a mentor, morale and welfare coordinator and a "fit to fight" athlete with a current physical training test score of 100. Rehder uses her extensive expertise with preparing and prosecuting challenging cases to help victims get through the difficult trial processes.



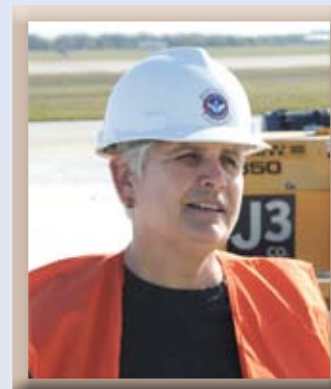
Tech. Sgt. Charlene Gillman

Tech. Sgt. Charlene Gillman, 902nd Security Forces Squadron antiterrorism NCO in charge, has manufactured the template for situational adaptation for the total military member package. While being a single mother of two, parental guardian for her nephew and balancing the educational and social needs of her family, Gillman is known as a leader within security forces.

Coretta Streat is a military spouse, dedicated mother of two and a realtor. She is currently a student at the University of the Incarnate Word with a 3.98 grade point average and the president of the Randolph Esprit de Corps. Streat is also the president of the Randolph Thrift Shop, where she oversees more than 75 volunteers.



Coretta Streat



Peggy Knox

Peggy Knox is the senior civil engineer responsible for Randolph's structural engineering projects and emerging issues. Over the last year, she managed \$31 million in design and construction projects. Knox is developing solutions to bring the Seguin Auxiliary Airfield back on line, managing construction of I Street, completing the perimeter road project and developing a plan to provide immediate repairs and a long term solution to cracking taxiway slabs.